

## **MINUTES**

## Preparation and scanning of General Election absentee ballots December 16, 2016

**ATTENDEES:** Anthony Albence, County Director, Howard Sholl, Deputy County Director, Office staff and augmentees, no one from the public or media attended any of the sessions.

County Director Albence called the meeting to order on November 4, 2016, at 9:15 a.m. County Deputy Director Sholl administered the oath, instructed the staff and augmentees on the procedures, and assigned teams.

The teams reviewed and prepared the ballots that the New Castle County Office had received up to November 3, 2016, through Election District 06-19 except for Election District 17-02. The teams sealed the prepared ballots in container bags. County Director Albence recessed the meeting at 5:50 p.m. until 9 a.m. on November 5, 2016.

County Director Albence reconvened the meeting at 9 a.m. on November 5, 2016. County Deputy Director Sholl administered the oath to those who had not taken the oath the previous day. The group was broken into two smaller groups. One to prepare the ballots (led by County Director Albence) and one to prepare the ballots that had been prepared the previous day and the ballots that had been received on November 4, 2016, (led by County Deputy Director Sholl). All the ballots received through November 4, 2016, were scanned and sealed in container bags. The group then prepared and scanned the ballots received on November 5, 2016. The group sealed these ballots in container bags. County Deputy Director Sholl verified that the number of ballots scanned equaled the number of ballots received through November 5, 2016. County Director Albence recessed the meeting until 2 p.m. on November 7, 2016.

County Director Albence reconvened the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. on November 7, 2016. The group prepared the ballots received since November 5, 2016. The group sealed the ballots in container bags. After the group completed their work, County Director Albence recessed the meeting until 3 p.m. on November 8, 2016.

County Director Albence reconvened the meeting at 3 p.m. on November 8, 2016. The group scanned the ballots prepared on November 7, 2016 and sealed them in container bags. The number of ballots scanned equaled the number of ballots received. The group then prepared and scanned the ballots received on November 8, 2016. At 8 p.m. Mr. Dunworth initiated the export of the absentee results from the absentee system and at 8:32 p.m. County Deputy



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Director Sholl transmitted the results via encrypted email to the State Election Commissioner's Office.

County Director Albence adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m. on November 8, 2016.

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**Deputy County Director**